

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 23, 2005. Claims 1-15 remain pending in this application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Novis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,867,795; hereinafter "Novis"). Furthermore, the Office Action rejected Claims 2, 9-10, 12, and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Benson (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,561; hereinafter "Benson"). The Office Action also rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Amtmann et al. (hereinafter "Amtmann"). The Office Action also rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Page et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,801,787; hereinafter "Page"). The Office Action also rejected Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Raith (U.S. Patent No. 6,510,515; hereinafter "Raith"). The Office Action also rejected Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Fries (U.S. Patent No. 6,367,701; hereinafter "Fries"). The Office Action also rejected Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Novis in view of Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,287; hereinafter "Lee"). Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejections for at least the following reasons.

The present invention relates generally to methods and apparatus for providing wireless stick-on data carriers to electronic products so that information may be communicated between the wireless stick-on data carrier and the electronic product.

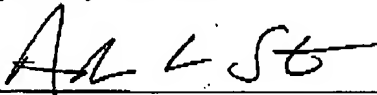
Novis fails to recite, suggest, or teach every element recited in Applicants' Claim 1. For instance, Novis fails to recite a "second communication means disposed within the housing for the contactless retrieval of control information stored in a data carrier which is detachably

connected to the housing of the processing device" as recited by Applicants' Claim 1. The data carrier in Applicants' invention is detachably connected to the housing of the processing device. But the smart card 18 in Novis (which is what the Applicants believe the Examiner is equating to Applicants' data carrier) is not detachably connected to the housing of the processing device. Instead, smart card 18 is inserted into the slot 16 of portable electronic device 10 and is therefore inside the housing 11 of portable electronic device 10 and not detachably connected to the housing. *See* Novis, Figures 1 & 3; col. 3, lines 35-37. Thus Applicants respectfully traverse the §102 rejection of Claim 1 over Novis because the reference fails to recite every limitation of Applicants' Claim 1.

Claims 2-15 depend from independent Claim 1 discussed above and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Applicants further believe the §102 and §103 rejections of Claims 2-15 to be moot in light of the above remarks and request their withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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